Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, More than 40 years ago, the well-known writer, scientist and ecologist, Rachel Carson, alerted America and the world to the risks of certain pesticides and her work led to environmental legislation that still guides the nation today; and,

Whereas, Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*, created a new awareness among citizens and government and is credited with starting the modern environmental movement; and,

Whereas, Rachel Carson developed her science translation talent while working as a writer and editor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 1935 to 1952; and,

Whereas, Rachel Carson was a leader in multiple areas, including conservation, women in science, government and her passion for the oceans and coastlines; and,

Whereas, Rachel Carson was born 100 years ago on May 27, 1907; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to science, the environment and our understanding of the natural world and our impact on it, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2007, as

RACHEL CARSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State